Availability of Water in the Capital

2189. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has urged the Haryana Government to supply additional 100 cusecs of water to increase the capacity of Potable water of Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking's Haiderpur plant;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Haryana Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken any other steps to make sufficient availability of water in the Capital in the coming summer season; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 100 cusec of water has been released by Government of Haryana for Delhi with effect from 19-4-1993.

(c) and (d) In addition to the present sources of water supply and 100 cusec of additional water arranged for Hyderpur water treatment plant phase-II, one ranney well of 3 mgd capacity has also been commissioned by Delhi Administration. Shortly second ranney well is also likely to be commissioned. Haryana and Uttar Pradesh Governments will also be requested to come to Delhi's rescue to meet its drinking water needs at the time of acute scarcity.

Polavaram Project on River Godavari

2190. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any re-thinking on large river valley projects like the Polavaram Project after the controversy with World Bank and other international agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the schedule of building Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Schedule of construction of Polavaram Project depends on how soon State Government secures investment clearance to the project and ensures provision of adequate outlays.

Stimulating of Irrigation Facilities all over the Country

2191. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of the farmland in the country is dependant on rainfall; and

(b) what action Government have taken to stimulate irrigation facilities all over the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97), the strategy to stimulate irrigation facilities inter alia include (i) priority to completion of on-going major and medium irrigation projects, (ii) greater